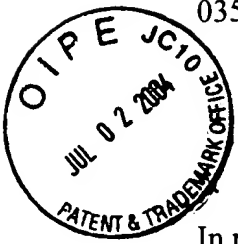


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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/902,172)
Filed: July 11, 2001)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
AND PROGRAM AND STORAGE)
MEDIUM THEREFOR)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, Applicant elects to proceed initially with the prosecution of the Group I claims (Claims 1-11).

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

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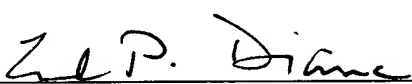
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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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